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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki spelled out four conditions for ending his government's attack on the Mahdi Army. **(POLITICAL, page 4)**
- The trial of former Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz began April 29 and was postponed an hour into the proceedings. The trial is set to resume May 20. **(POLITICAL, page 5)**
- A dust storm in Baghdad led to increased attacks from Shia militias against US forces, especially in the Sadr City neighborhood. **(SECURITY, page 10)**
- The power supply in Baghdad may worsen as demand increases due to the coming summer heat. **(ECONOMIC, page 16)**
- Prime Minister Gordon Brown held a reception to encourage UK companies and industry to invest in Iraq. **(DIPLOMATIC, page 24)**



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Iraqi Factions Discuss Reconciliation:

- Thirty-six representatives from Iraq's main ethnic groups met in Helsinki, Finland April 26 and 27 in order to participate in discussions regarding their reconciliation processes. Attendees included a senior member of the Kurdistan Patriotic Union (Kurd), a parliamentary leader of the Dawa Party (Shia), and a member of Iraqi Islamic Party (Sunni). Representatives from the South African and Northern Irish peace processes also assisted with the seminar. The meetings concluded with the adoption of the Helsinki Agreement, which established recommendations for power-sharing and commitments to peace. The delegation plans to meet again in Baghdad within three months to follow up on the progress made.

Iraqi PM Spells out Conditions to Halt Assault on Militias:

- In an interview with Al-Arabiya television, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki stipulated four conditions to stop his government's attack on the Mahdi Army. Maliki's conditions include: surrendering all heavy and medium weapons, not interfering in the work of governmental departments, not interfering in the tasks of the police and army, and surrendering wanted criminals.



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Tariq Aziz Trial Postponed:

- The trial of former Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz began April 29, five years after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. Aziz has not been seen since the 2006 trial of Saddam Hussein, in which he defended the former dictator. Aziz is charged with ordering the execution of 42 Baghdad merchants, who allegedly manipulated food prices after the UN imposed economic sanctions. Aziz and six other former regime leaders comprise the fourth group to go before the Iraqi special tribunal on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The group includes Ali Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali," Saddam's cousin, who received a death sentence for using poison gas in 1988 against Kurds. An hour after the session began, the court announced postponement of the trial until May 20.

UNHCR Funds Low in 2008:

- The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) announced April 29 that less than half of its \$261 million appeal for Iraq has been met by donors. UNHCR stated that it does not plan to scale down its humanitarian assistance programs yet, but indicated that funds would be needed in the latter half of this year to meet the needs of the most vulnerable refugees. The US, with a contribution of \$95.4 million to the appeal, is the largest donor to date.



POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)

United Iraq Alliance

Kurdistani Alliance

Iraqi Accord Front

Iraqi National List

Other / Independent

(F) = Female

*Formerly Tawafuq

**Formerly Sadrist/UIA

***Formerly Iraqiya

Prime Minister

Nuri al-Maliki

Deputy Prime Minister

* Vacant

Deputy Prime Minister

Barham Salih

President

Jalal Talabani

Deputy President

Tariq al-Hashimi

Deputy President

'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi

Minister of Agriculture

Ali al-Bahadeli

Minister of Communications

*** Vacant

Minister of Culture

* Vacant

Minister of Defense

Abdul Qadir Muhammed
Jasim al-Mufraji

Minister of Displacement & Migration

Abd al-Samad Rahman
Sultan

Minister of Electricity

Karim Wahid

Minister of Education

Khudayyir al-Khuza'i

Minister of Environment

Narmin 'Uthman (F)

Minister of Finance

Bayan Jabr

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hoshyar Zebari

Minister of Health

Saleh al-Hasnawi

Minister of Higher Education

* Vacant

Minister of Human Rights

Wijdan Mikha'il (F)

Minister of Industry & Minerals

Fawzi al-Hariri

Minister of Interior

Jawad al-Bulani

Minister of Justice

*** (Safa al Safi
acting)

Minister of Housing & Construction

Bayan Daza'l (F)

Minister of Labor & Social Affairs

Mahmud Muhammad
Jawad al-Radi

Minister of Oil

Husayn al-Shahristani

Minister of Planning

Ali Baban

Minister of Trade

Abd al-Falah al-Sudani

Minister of Science & Technology

Ra'id Fahmi Jahid

Minister of Municipalities & Public Works

Riyad Ghurayyib

Minister of Transportation

** Vacant

Minister of Water Resources

'Abd al-Latif Rashid

Minister of Youth & Sports

Jasim Muhammad Ja'far

Minister of State for Civil Society

* (Wijdan Mikha'il
Acting) (F)

Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs

Akram al-Hakim

Minister of State for National Security Affairs

Shirwan al-Waili

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

* Vacant

Minister of State for Governorates Affairs

Sa'd Hashim

Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities

** Vacant

Minister of State for Women's Affairs

** (Narmeen Othman Acting)

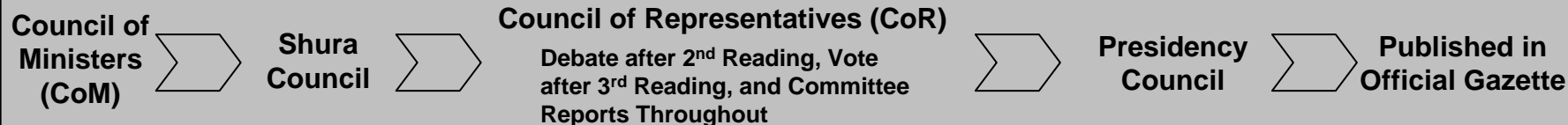
Minister of State for CoR Affairs

Safa al-Safi



POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	The CoR is currently reviewing the law, which will set the legal basis and structure of provincial elections.
Hydrocarbons Package	The level of control allocated to the central government in the July 2007 draft version of the Framework Law (currently in CoR Committee) is the key point of disagreement; there may be more progress on the Revenue Management Law, currently with the Shura Council, in the coming months.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and was implemented March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification Reform	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19.

Refugee Update

Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million

Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.2-2.4 million

Total number of Iraqi refugees admitted to the U.S. during to date in FY07-FY08: 4,885



POLITICAL - Provincial

Baghdad IDPs Returning to their Homes:

- Multi-National Division – Center (MND-C) records estimate that 10,450 of an estimated 18,700 Internally Displaced Persons who left southern Baghdad have returned to their homes. Coalition Forces in the area have seen a steady stream of returning Iraqis and have conducted operations to ensure the area is safe for their return. Iraqis who once fled their south Baghdad homes in fear are now returning due to improvements in security, community reconstruction and flourishing local economies. MND-C, along with the Iraqi government and UN, are providing aid to help newly-returned citizens reintegrate into the community.

122 Detainees Released in Kirkuk:

- On April 21, 122 detainees were released in Kirkuk province in northeastern Iraq, the largest single detainee release to date in the region. The detainees were released as part of national reconciliation efforts. More than 400 family members and local and provincial leaders attended the release ceremony, held at the Kirkuk Police Academy. Judges who reviewed the cases and decided upon the release of the detainees also attended. The released detainees were urged to seek self-improvement and contribute to their society.



POLITICAL - Provincial

Senior Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture Official Addresses Needs of Wasit Farmers:

- Coalition Forces met with Wasit directorate general of agriculture members and 20 local farmers to address issues and initiate communication between the local, provincial and national governments. Farmers from Wasit expressed the need for access to water, seeds, fertilizer, tractors, equipment, and training, as well as support from the government. Wasit was once a major agricultural area in Iraq. Subhi al-Jumeili, a senior deputy of the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture, explained that government assistance to farmers is changing. While farmers will now have to purchase seeds and fertilizers, the GOI is also providing loans to farmers at a reduced interest rate.
- The goal of the GOI is to bolster the agricultural sector and increase the production and quality of products. In order to increase crop production, the government purchased 2,500 tractors that will be distributed throughout Iraq. The government will also be providing date palm spraying. Al-Jumeili also indicated that the GOI aims to involve the farmers' unions and provincial governments in the process of reforming the agricultural sector.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Increased Fighting in Sadr City:

- Under cover of dust storms, militants have increased attacks on Iraqi and US forces in Baghdad since April 27, despite Muqtada al-Sadr's call to observe a truce. Fighting continued April 29, with US troops killing 34 militiamen in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad. This brings the total militants killed since the increase in violence April 27 to 79. The dust storms grounded US Apache attack helicopters, allowing militants to fire rockets at the International Zone in Baghdad.

Attack on ISF Checkpoint Leaves 22 Criminals Dead:

- During a weekend of heavy fighting in Sadr City, a large group of criminals attacked a northeast Baghdad checkpoint manned by Iraqi Army (IA) and Multi-National Division - Baghdad (MND-B) soldiers April 27. The soldiers' rapid response to the small arms fire killed 22 attackers. The remaining enemy forces retreated. No Iraqi or US soldiers were killed in the attack.

Female Suicide Bomber Targets SOI:

- A female suicide bomber targeted a Sons of Iraq (SOI) headquarters in Mukisha, southwest of Muqdadiah, Diyala province, April 29. The attack killed one and wounded four others. A spokesperson for Multi-National Division - North noted that attacks in the province have dropped 70 percent since June 2007.



SECURITY – Security Transition

ISF Clear Hyyaniah:

- In a continuation of Operation Charge of the Knights, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) worked to clear Basrah's Hyyaniah District last week. In two days of searches, the soldiers found substantial amounts of mortars, rocket-propelled grenade rounds, artillery shells for use as IEDs, heavy machine guns, and various rockets. Along with the searches, the ISF continued its humanitarian mission and intelligence-gathering activities in Basrah.

ISF Secure Tarmiyah:

- After four months of concerted effort, ISF in Tarmiyah, Salah ad-Din province, see improving security, which has allowed daily life to normalize. Markets are reopening and residents of Tarmiyah are able to buy needed supplies without fear of violence. Improved security is the result of coordination by the IA, Iraqi Police (IP), and SOI. The IA trains the IP in foot patrols, entry control points, detainee operations, and setting up security perimeters.

Sons of Iraq Aid ISF in Defending Tikrit:

- SOI held off Al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) terrorists April 28 in Tikrit, Diyala province, long enough to allow ISF time to conduct a hasty offensive. The coordinated teamwork of the SOI and ISF resulted in the deaths of 12 AQI members with minimal help from Coalition Forces. One SOI member was killed and three were wounded in the fighting.



SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of March 19, 2008 ^a			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel ^b	Assigned Personnel ^c	Total Trained Personnel to date ^d
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^e			
Iraqi Police Service ^f	288,001	279,870	166,037
National Police ^g	33,670	33,531	44,156
Border Enforcement	38,205	40,852	28,023
Total MoI	359,876	354,253	238,216
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h			
Army	186,352	160,248	180,263
Support Forces	17,369	18,087	19,750
Air Force	2,907	1,344	1,370
Navy	1,483	1,123	1,194
Total MoD	208,111	180,802	202,577
Counter Terrorism Bureau			
Special Operations	4,857	3,144	3,709
Total Iraqi Security Forces	572,844	538,199	444,502

a Numbers do not include ministry staffs.

b Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.

c Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.

d Numbers reflect assigned personnel that have received training.

e Numbers reflect total ISF personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.

f MoI strength does not reflect investigative and administrative forces, the MoI HQ, MoI Forensics, Dignitary Protection, or contracted guards.

g MoI Police Support Unit, Provincial Security Force, and Emergency Response Unit personnel are part of the Iraqi Police Service and does not include other Ministry FPS.

h MoD strength is derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

US Chamber of Commerce Launches Iraq Initiative:

- The US Chamber of Commerce is launching the “Iraq Initiative,” aimed at increasing private sector interest in Iraq while taking advantage of an improved security situation. The Chamber’s Senior Vice President for International Affairs, Dan Cristman, is heading the effort. A group of seven-to-twelve companies will help guide the US Chamber’s advocacy work in the country. The initiative aims to facilitate interaction between US and Iraqi companies, hold press events, assist companies with trade missions, and facilitate outreach in the US.

SABIC May Invest in Iraq Petrochemical Sector:

- Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), the world’s largest petrochemical firm by market value, is in preliminary talks with the GOI on investing in the country’s hydrocarbons sector. SABIC is interested in Iraq’s ethane-rich gas to produce plastics from petrochemicals. The company is also seeking to invest outside of Saudi Arabia, given increasing competition for the country's energy resources, as well as to meet rising gas consumption in Saudi Arabia.
- SABIC is also in talks with the GOI to build a factory producing polyethylene and polyvinyl chloride at a cost of \$5 billion. The plant would have a production capacity of 1 million tons of petrochemicals per year.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$108.13/ barrel

Dated Brent at \$115.176/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$118.632/ barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$108.90/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$20.9 Billion (ytd)

Akkas Gas Field Deadline Extended:

- The Iraqi Ministry of Oil extended the deadline for bids on the Akkas gas field project in Iraq to May 18. The contract is to supply equipment and materiel for the State Company for Oil Projects (SCOP). SCOP will do preliminary work before the field is put out to tender in the first bid round. There has been strong international support for the development of the field. It is expected that once the field becomes operational, it will benefit both Syria and Europe. The field is located in Anbar province and could initially produce 50 million cubic feet of gas per day.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Minister of Oil Proposes Deadline on Initial Oil Contracts:

- The Iraqi Minister of Oil, Hussain Al-Shahristani, previously announced that the government would sign service contracts with major oil companies in June. He recently reiterated that statement and added that if oil firms are not ready to sign in June, the contracts may be dropped altogether. Shahristani blamed the delay on the oil companies, who are concerned about the method of payment. The companies are concerned about payments in crude oil because of Iraq's international obligations to use oil revenues to pay reparations from the 1990-91 war.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

Senior Center Housing to Open in Irbil:

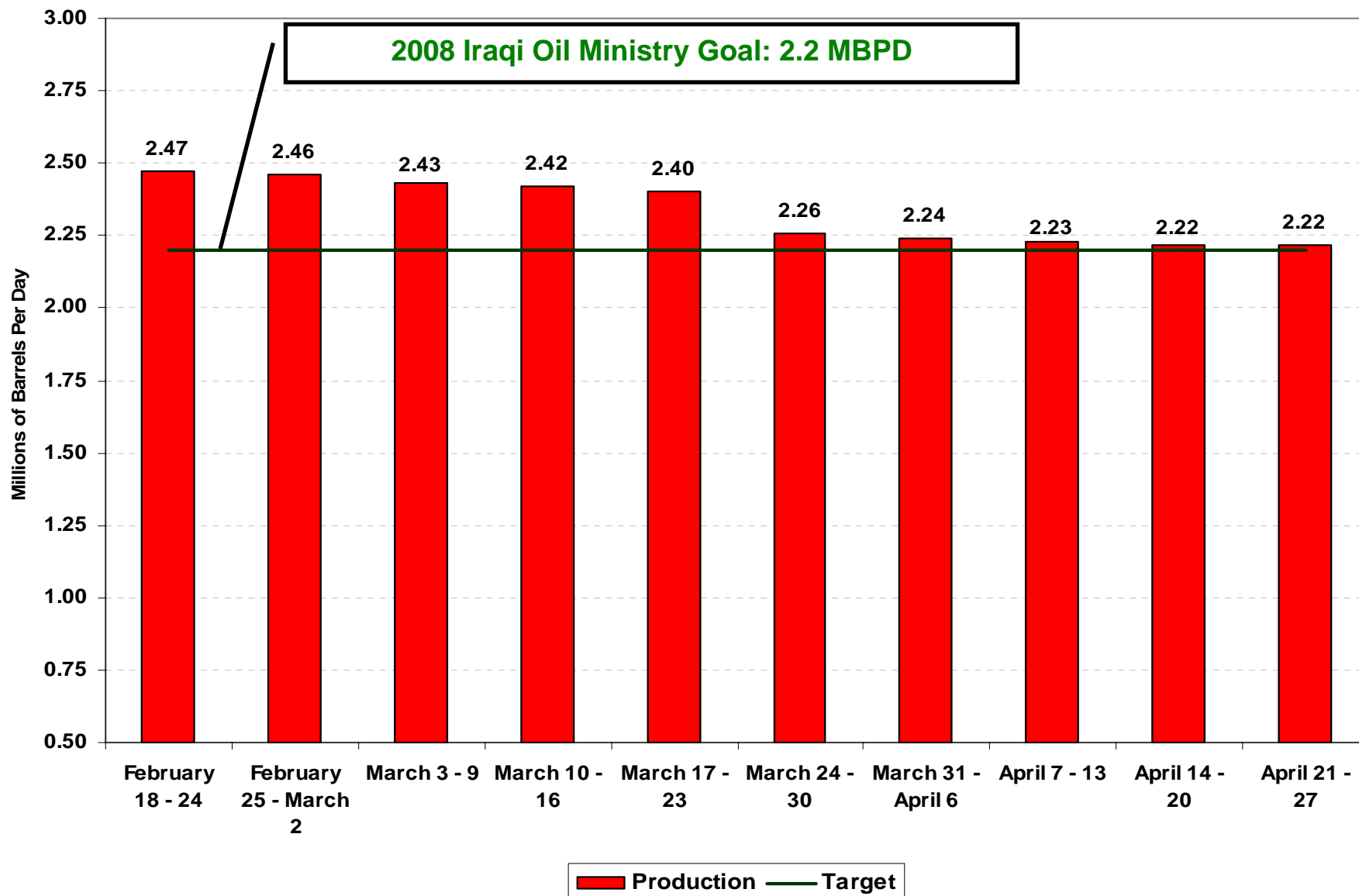
- The Irbil Orphanage and Senior Center is said to be the first of its kind in Iraq. The facility includes a children's playground, six residential housing units, and a multipurpose hall. Approximately 350 children and 60 senior citizens will be able to live in the new facility, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Handicap-accessible features have been worked into the layout of the center as well as various safety mechanisms and pressurized water systems, all features not commonly found in Iraq.

Baghdad Power Supply May Worsen:

- The rise in economic activity in Baghdad is also causing a rise in electricity demand. According to Charles Ries, the State Department's Coordinator for Economic Transition in Iraq, demand has been growing as much as 9% each year. The demand increase could reach as high as 20% during the summer months. It is estimated that 4,200 megawatts of power are currently being produced; 9,000 megawatts would be needed to meet the current demand, and 11,000 could be needed to meet summer demand. Old equipment, lack of maintenance, and fuel shortages are primarily responsible for the government's inability to meet electricity demand.

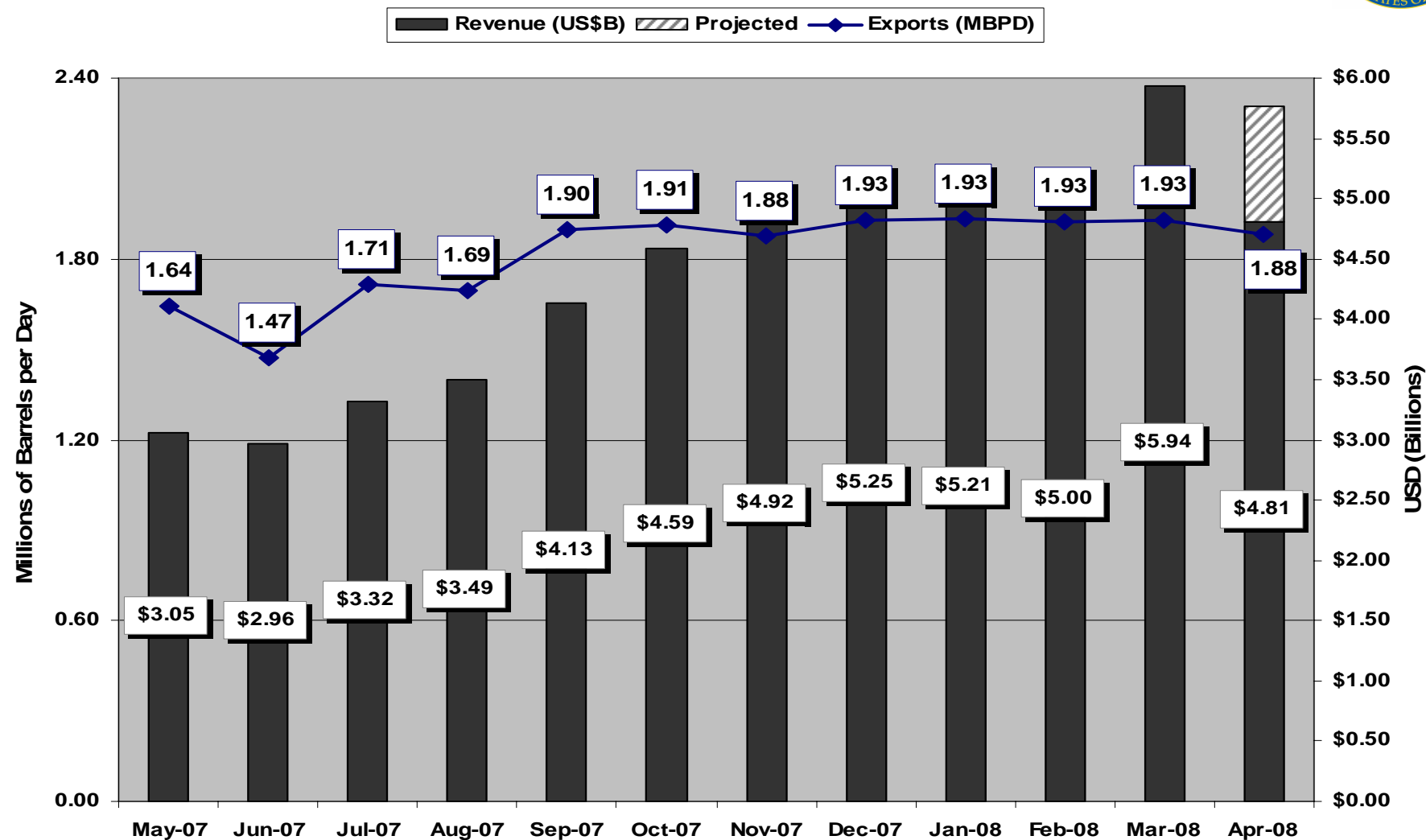


ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production





ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export

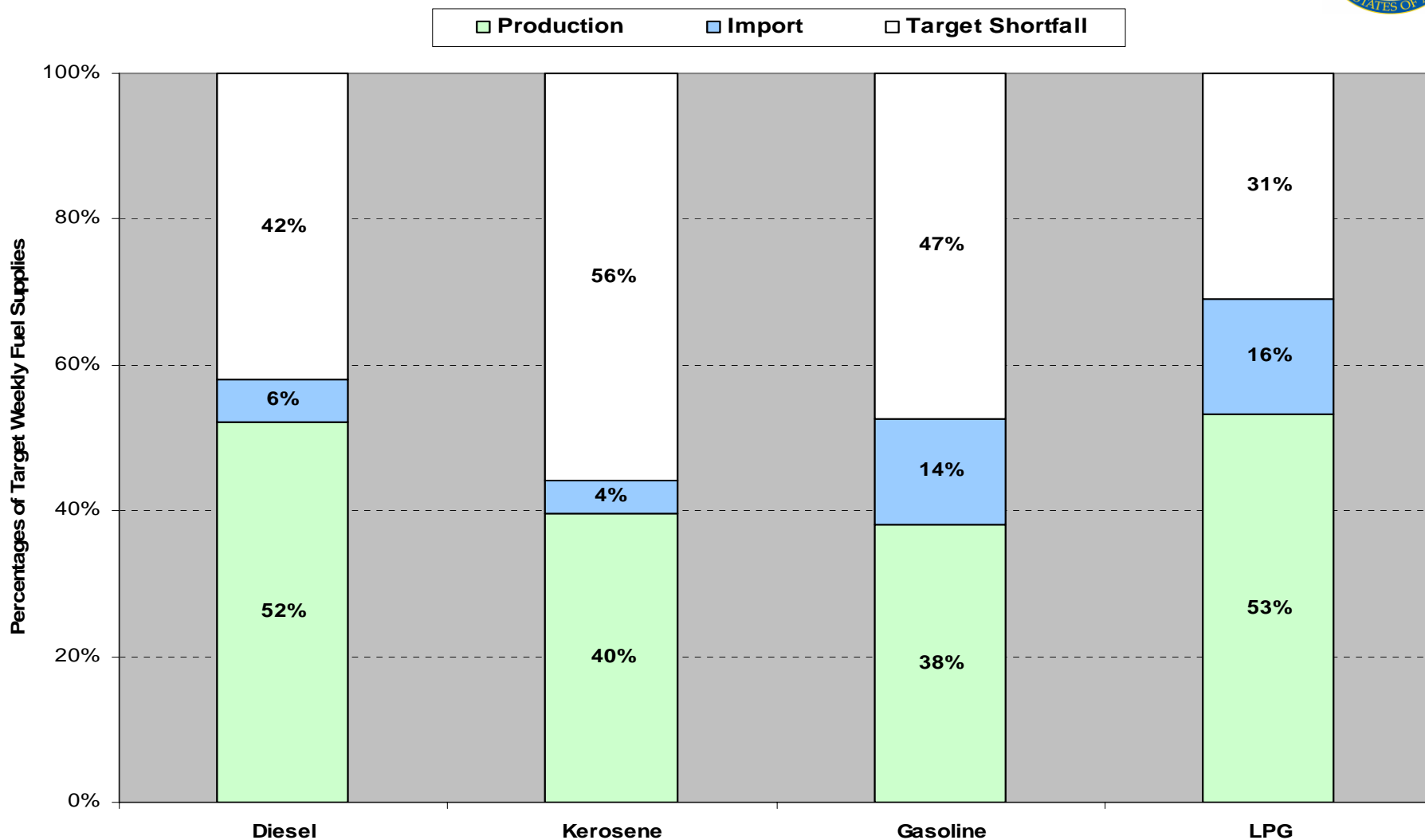


- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
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ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



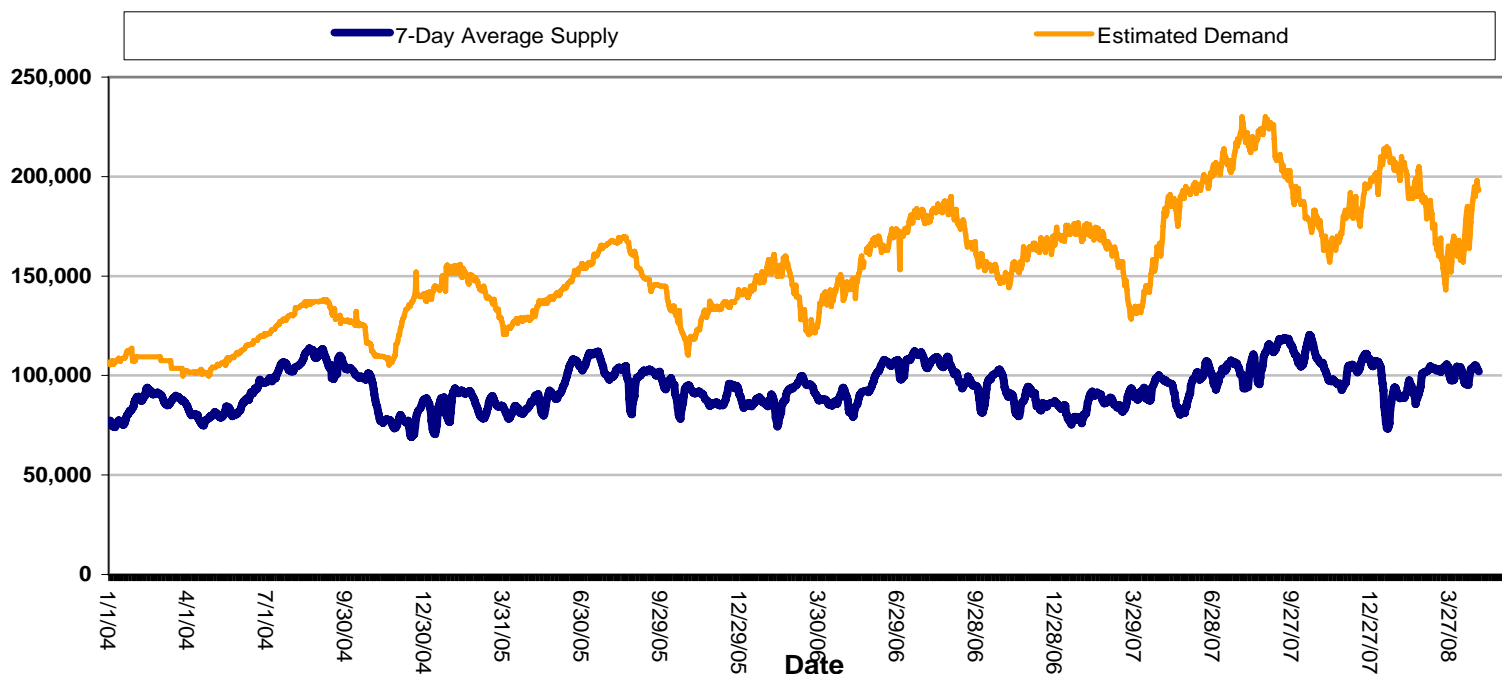
Note: This is a daily average for April 21 – April 27

- Diesel: 14.2 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.1 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.4 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- LPG: 3,525 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

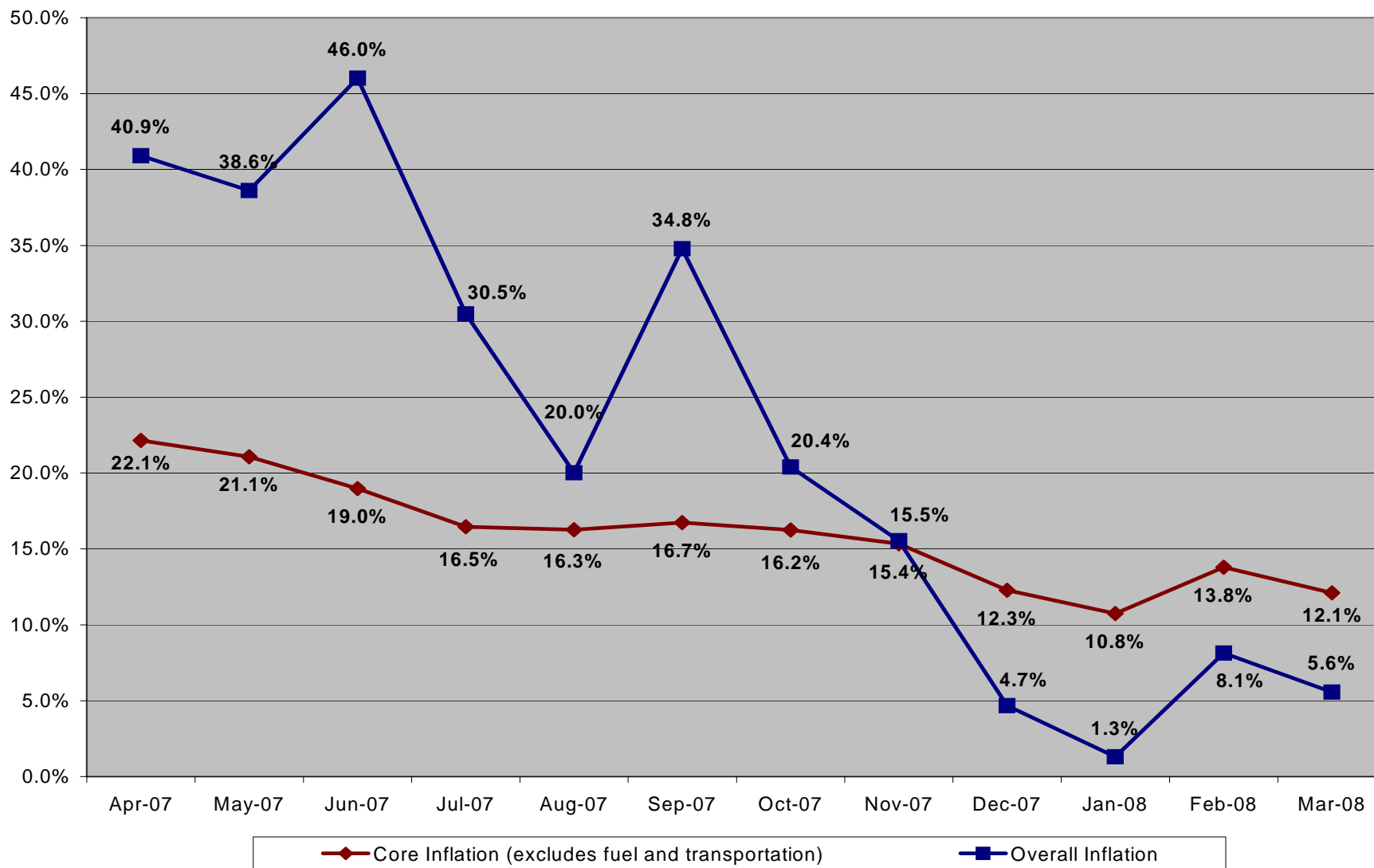


- Daily electricity demand April 23-29 was 18% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 4% above the year-earlier period and met 53% of demand, compared with 60% for the year-earlier period.
- Data on average hours of power after meeting demand from essential services was unavailable for this reporting period.



ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Year-on-Year Inflation





ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales				
Price (USD)	\$70.09	\$70.77	\$73.07	\$62.82
Yield	9.09%	8.99%	8.67%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	\$83,251,000	\$120,832,000	\$88, 525, 850	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	\$1,202	1,204	\$1,208	\$1,254.00
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	117,699	117,699	95,953	N/A



ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

Sector\Status			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
(Millions of USD)	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law	\$4,975	\$23	\$4,954	\$4,951	-\$2	\$4,953	\$4,951	-\$2	\$4,867	\$4,868	\$1
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,288	\$13	\$2,239	\$2,246	\$7	\$2,234	\$2,234	\$0	\$2,158	\$2,158	\$0
Electricity Sector	\$4,203	\$22	\$4,063	\$4,063	\$0	\$4,050	\$4,057	\$7	\$3,817	\$3,818	\$2
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,722	\$3	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,573	\$1,573	\$0
Water and Sanitation	\$2,065	\$37	\$1,969	\$1,969	\$0	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$0	\$1,797	\$1,799	\$2
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$1	\$456	\$456	\$0	\$455	\$455	\$0	\$410	\$412	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$327	\$7	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
Health Care	\$813	\$10	\$783	\$783	\$0	\$776	\$776	\$0	\$730	\$730	\$0
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$813	\$813	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$436	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$398	\$398	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,330	\$119	\$17,832	\$17,837	\$5	\$17,786	\$17,791	\$5	\$17,023	\$17,030	\$7
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,929	\$7,927	-\$2	\$7,912	\$7,917	\$5	\$7,703	\$7,704	\$1
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,383	\$9,391	\$8	\$9,355	\$9,355	\$0	\$8,803	\$8,809	\$5
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,805	\$119	\$20,123	\$20,128	\$5	\$20,019	\$20,024	\$5	\$19,162	\$19,169	\$7



DIPLOMATIC – Economic Engagement

UK Prime Minister Brown Encourages Investment in Iraq:

- Prime Minister Gordon Brown held a reception to encourage UK companies and industry to invest in Iraq. Speaking to business leaders and members of the Basrah Development Commission, the Prime Minister said that rebuilding the economy of Basrah and Iraq was “one of the great ventures of our time” and that he believed people could be shown that “peace and prosperity go hand-in-hand.”

Basrah Development Commission to Visit Northern Ireland:

- The Basrah Development Commission, a joint initiative of UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih, will visit Northern Ireland this week to learn about economic recovery in a post-conflict environment and to encourage investment in Iraq's Basrah province.



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

OIC Announces Increased Activities in Baghdad:

- The Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) reported increased involvement in Iraq in its April 23 newsletter. Secretary General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu participated in the April 22 Expanded Neighbors Conference in Kuwait, where he announced that the OIC's Baghdad office had opened a few days before and noted that the organization is engaging with the Iraqi government and various political and religious groups to promote reconciliation. The Secretary General told the Kuwait conference that there was "a new, promising atmosphere (in Iraq)...that would lead to a new spirit of togetherness."



DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

Albania	Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Poland
Armenia	Denmark	Korea	Romania
Australia	El Salvador	Latvia	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Estonia	Lithuania	Tonga
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Georgia	Macedonia	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	United Kingdom

TOTAL ~ 9,907 Forces

31 Countries and NATO* (including the US) **Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

*31 includes the US, the 25 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load.

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